

Twelve-Year-Old Girl First To Get the Correct Answer

THE prize winners last week were:
First—Miss Doris Little, 1361 Columbia road northwest.
Second—Charles S. Davis, 1330 F street northwest.
Third—P. C. Stevens, 1729 New York avenue northwest.

Unless I am much mistaken, every one of the winning trio has enjoyed the fruits of a lively wit on other occasions. Mr. Stevens being among the prize winners in the contest previous to the one now closing.

Incidentally Miss Little, who is a twelve-year-old, was the first to submit a list with twenty-six numbers correctly solved. Each of the other contestants had twenty-six numbers to their credit, also no solution received this last week being entirely perfect.

Mrs. Bailey's list follows:

1. Spinel (Sphinx).
2. Fire Oval.
3. Rosaline.
4. Quartz (Quartz).
5. Amber.
6. Amazon Stone.
7. Hematite (Hematite).
8. Tiffany Yellow Diamond.
9. Obsidian.
10. Alexandrite.
11. Aquamarine.
12. Alabaster.
13. Jaspelle.
14. Jasper.
15. Carbuncle.
16. Agate.
17. Cat's-eye.
18. Rose Opal (opal).
19. Citrine Stone.
20. Burma Ruby.
21. Moon Stone.
22. Hyacinth.
23. Sard (Sardine).
24. Tourmaline.
25. Jet.
26. Precious Garnet.
27. Jade.

For a change I am going to give you another variety of brain racker. I think we never have tried anything of this sort before, so in presenting the following list of nicknames of distinguished

Americans I will precipitate a lively battle of wits.

1. The Sage of Monticello.
2. Old Hickory.
3. The Rock of Chickamauga.
4. Mad Anthony.
5. Rough and Ready.
6. The American Fabius.
7. Old Mac Eloquent.
8. The Little Giant.
9. Black Jack.
10. The Pathfinder.
11. Fighting Joe.
12. The Plumed Knight.
13. Silver Dick.
14. The Swamp Fox.
15. Sunset.
16. Horizontal Bill.
17. The Rail Splitter.
18. Typecase.
19. The Apostle to the Indians.
20. Old Bullion.
21. The Quaker Poet.
22. Little Mac.
23. Old Fuss and Feathers.
24. The Great Pacificator.
25. The Father of the Constitution.

John C. Spaulding, 938 Majestic building, Detroit, Mich., who compiled the puzzle, has shown a very catholic taste, selecting statesman, poet, warrior, political economist—in short, the "list embraces prominent Americans of all epochs, and when you have succeeded in ferreting out the real personages behind the nicknames you will agree with me that you have been in the company of men whose services in various ways have been of inestimable value to the up-building of the Republic.

Frances Carroll

EMPERESS RICE.

For empress rice wash three ounces of rice, boil up one pint of milk with half a vanilla pod, stir in the rice, add a pinch of salt, and let it cook gently for forty-five minutes; lift out the vanilla, and dissolve in the milk rather over one-fourth ounce of leaf gelatine; allow it to get cool, then mix into it half a pint of whipped cream, pour it into a border mold or any mold you choose, and leave till set; turn out, and fill up the center with fruit you like.

The Bedtime Story.

Published for the thoughtful mothers who wish to read to the little folk while they are being tucked into their beds for the night.

THE SNAIL AND THE ROSE TREE.

AROUND the garden ran a hedge of haws; beyond this hedge lay fields and meadows wherein were cows and sheep; but in the midst of the garden stood a blooming Rose Tree; and under this Rose Tree lived a Snail, who had a good deal in his shell—namely, himself.

"Wait till my time comes," he said; "I shall do something more than produce roses, bear nuts, or give milk, like the Rose Tree, the hazel bush, and the cows."

"I expect a great deal of you," said the Rose Tree. "But may I ask when it will appear?"

"I take my time," replied the Snail. "You're always in such a hurry. You don't rouse people's interest by suspense."

When the next year came, the Snail lay almost in the same spot, in the sunshine under the Rose Tree, which again bore buds that bloomed into roses, until the snow fell and the weather became raw and cold; then the Rose Tree bowed its head and the Snail crept into the ground.

"A new year begins, and the roses come out, and the Snail came out also. 'You're an old Rose Tree now,' said the Snail. 'You must have come to an end, for you have given the world all that was in you; whether it was of any use is a question that I have had no time to consider; but so much in your plain, that you have done nothing at all for your own development, or you would have produced something else. How can you answer for that? In a little time you will be nothing at all but a stick. Do you understand what I say?'

"You alarm me," replied the Rose Tree. "I never thought of that at all."

"No, you have not taken the trouble to consider anything. Have you ever given an account of yourself, why you bloomed, and how it is that your blooming comes about—why it is thus, and not otherwise?"

"No," answered the Rose Tree. "I bloomed in gladness, because I could not do anything else. The sun shone and warmed me, and the air refreshed me. I drank the pure dew and the fresh rain, and I lived, I breathed. Out of the earth there arose a power within me, from above there came down a spirit, and I grew, and I bloomed, and I was obliged to bloom over and over again; that was my life: I could not do otherwise."

"You have led a very pleasant life," observed the Snail.

"Certainly. Everything I have was given to me," said the Rose Tree. "But more still was given to you. You are one of those deep, thoughtful spirits, which will cause the world to marvel."

"I've no intention of doing anything of the kind," cried the Snail. "The world is nothing to me. What have I to do with the world? I have enough of myself and in myself."

"But must we not all, here on earth, give to others the best that we have, and offer what lies in our power?"

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1/2 yard velvet, for collar, \$1 yard......25
1/2 dozen brass buttons, 50¢ dozen......25
Total.....2.00

IN TOURIST SUITING.
1 1/2 yards of tourist suiting, 53 inches wide, 50¢ yard.....\$1.12
1/2 yard velvet, for collar, \$1 yard......25
1/2 dozen brass buttons, 50¢ dozen......25
Total.....1.62

Daily Fashion Talks

By FRANCES CARROLL.

THIS simple little coat will appeal to the mother who must do a lot of her own sewing. Simplicity and nattiness is the keynote of the garment which may be evolved of chevrot, velvet, or corduroy or almost any of the tailored suitings which abound on the counters of the well-stocked shops.

As to color, blue for every day wear and scarlet for dressier occasions offer good suggestions.

With the spring so close at hand the look-ahead housemother will choose a smooth surfaced cloth and if she wishes a little garment which will suit admirably for dress at the present moment, and serve as a summer wrap later, she



may select white serge or white broadcloth, finishing the coat with stitching or with a turn-over collar and buttons of heavy corded silk.

The May Manton pattern, No. 637, required, may be had at Goldenberg's.

Genius Said to Indicate Lack of Mental Balance

When a noted alienist remarked recently that most pre-eminent successful men, while not exactly insane, are close to the border line because their minds are abnormally developed, the public was severely shocked. Here was a man, admittedly an authority on such matters, virtually declaring that genius indicates a lack of mental balance.

At first thought it would seem that expert or not, he would bring down upon his head a torrent of ridicule. Yet no keen observer attempted to dispute the statement, and, like or not, none will. Because, to shine effulgently in modern life, one must perforce have a pronounced personality, an individuality developed that he's a marked man among his fellows.

Sometimes one is endowed with peculiar gifts. We have probably all seen the mathematical prodigy who could run his glance up six long columns of figures but once and immediately give the correct total. Occasionally it is an acquirement, due to years of application and study of a particular subject.

One man, when occasion arises, calls a score of plow boys from the fields, boys who never handled a gun, and converts them in short order into a company of noble warriors. Another is capable of gathering about him masterly executives who conduct a chain of enterprising newspapers so capably and profitably his own efforts are needless.

Imperial Lily Weeps When Honey Drops Fall

In the recesses of the crown imperial lily at the center can be seen six large honey pits, one on every floral leaf, and each is brimming over with a big drop of honey and glistening like a tear drop. Shake the flower and it "weeps" as the big drops fall from it, soon to be replaced by other tears in the rapidly secreting flower. The simple folks call the flower "Job's tear."

The snowdrop is literally flowing with honey, for in swollen veins traversing its fragile whiteness are rivers of nectar. The petals of the columbine are ingeniously and elaborately designed with a view to providing good places of hiding for the honey. Each is circular, hollow shaped, like a horn. In each the honey is secreted in a round knob at what would be the mouthpiece of the horn, and the five are arranged in a ring side by side with the honey knobs aloft. Though the honey store is obvious from without, yet the insects who would sip it must creep into the flower and penetrate with a long nose up the curving horn to the knob.

Sometimes the petals are all joined together into a tube and the sweet nectar simply exudes from the inner side of the wall and collects at the bottom. This is the case in the dead nettle, the tube of which forms so toothsome morsel that some children call it "suckle."

The honeysuckle is similarly planned and its sweetness is so striking as to have furnished its name.

Latest Styles in Head Dresses Has a Pretty Wreath Effect

THE motif of the evening head dress, as it might be called, of the head dresses which adorn our coiffures at the opera and the evening entertainments of the season, is their flatness. With but very few exceptions the general effect is that of a wreath or fillet closely entwining the head. In the adornments themselves there is naturally a wide selection. All of these are arranged to lie flat either across the front over the forehead, or encircling the hair when it is massed on the crown of the head.

The most expensive of the hair ornaments is the wreath of tissue cloth entwined with pearl beads and adorned either end by clusters of gold flowers and leaves. The effect on the head is exceedingly lovely under the uncompromising glare of the electric light, and the subdued pastel coloring renders it becoming to various shades of hair.

The wreath of silver tissue, consisting of the flowers caught together by strands of the sumptuous fabric, is particularly dainty for the debutante, making, as it does, a perfect complement to the girlish silver tissue cloth which is a feature of the head dresses of the youthful flock.

Pailettes fillets with bowknots at either end are most effective in the evening, the light catching and reflecting the glitter in a fascinating manner.

The quaint doll tones of the season are delightfully reproduced in the diamond-shaped ornament of pale bluish lavender with the stones casting forth the opalescent colorings of the pearl. Fillets and wreaths in jet are stunning on the coiffure of the blonde or auburn coloring. While not as new as the wreaths, they are always effective, and to some types of faces more quaint and becoming than the flat effects.

A most enticing ornament is of twisted strands of dull gold inset with the seed pearls. The trellis-work effect is produced which is so chic this winter, whether worn on the gown or the hair, and the result is a particularly lovely head dress. Very good also are the head dresses which reflect the rich blue-black tones known under various names.

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Daily Horoscope

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

Monday, January 31, 1910.

Now like a cloud in dreadful gloom unrolled, A dark, grim fate frowns on those who love gold.

JUPITER, Uranus, and Neptune occupy favoring positions today. Saturn is afflicted.

A most evil sign rules today for "usurers, misers, oppressors, and extortioners." All who exact unrighteous gains or unfair advantage will probably suffer severely from anything that they undertake today, whatever the immediate outcome may be.

The malignant warning indication is particularly ominous for those whose avarice affects the health of their victims, such as landlords of neglected houses, adulterers of food and manufacturers of noxious things. There is an aspect that from "their deeds today shall spring their own destruction."

The rule of the planets in this period is magnificently inspiring for work and commerce, promising success and wealth for undertakings planned or begun today.

In business the best sign is for firmness, good faith and adherence to ethics.

Opening new places of business, removals or alterations are all likely to be beneficial.

Study, science, art, and traveling are under good signs.

Married people must refrain from vexing each other. There is danger of quarrel from slight causes.

Baking, roasting, stewing, confectionery, catering, and cooking generally are under good signs and all connected with these pursuits should prosper. Poultry is also under a "lucky" sign.

The sign is good for hiring men or women for any purpose.

The aspect for persons with today for their birthday is for talent and ability, but the indication is that they will need to exercise more self-reliance than usual this twelvemonth.

Children are born today under aspects that often endow their subjects with great taste, large social capacities and ability to lead.

Dread Incites Theft

That superstition is a very common incentive to theft is the belief of Dr. Hellwig, of Berlin. For instance, it is a set belief among the women of Posen that a wound can surely be healed by stealing a piece of body linen belonging to a woman, burning it and rubbing the wound with the ashes.

In Transylvania the remedy prescribed for swelling of the glands of the neck is to steal a piece of bacon and bind a slice of it over the swelling. This is a sovereign remedy for warts in Schleswig and Styria.

Stolen bread is a cure for many ills. It is the favorite appetizer in Russia and is so regarded also in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The conviction is on record of a man in England for stealing turnips to rub on the limbs of his crippled son. "She is perfectly able to pay for the turnips, but then the charm would not have operated. In Styria people wear pieces of copper money suspended about their necks or copper rings on their fingers to avert the evil eye. The security is rendered ten-fold if the object is stolen.

WIFE SHOULD KEEP HER INDIVIDUALITY

A wife should not merge her individuality in her husband. An eco may be sweet, but it is always monotonous, so she should have her own ideas and opinions. She need not argue, that's fatal, but a little tact prevents the necessity.

The ideal marriage is one in which both husband and wife care more for the other's happiness than their own, and the young wife can at least take care that she does not demand too much. She so often seems to imagine that she has married a semi-angelic being, till one fine day she discovers that he is every bit as human as herself, perhaps more so. It is a little bit of a shock, but it is one to be smug over, for how would an angel or a semi-angel be satisfied with such a person as herself?

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History Says Very Little About Origin of Blondes

MANY writers agree that history is singularly silent as to the origin of the blonde. Some scientists think the type originated in Scandinavia, where the population, through many centuries, was

teached by a semi-Arctic climate. Others credit the blonde creation to those people who lived in moist areas. Modern research would indicate that the blonde was often self-producing, a product of chemistry, or, perhaps, of the father of chemistry, which, if it could not discover the philosopher's stone

which was to change base metal into precious, could at least hide the "silver threads among the gold."

A writer points out that it is the blondes who take upon themselves the burdens of the world, and so are "burning themselves out." It is the blondes who have fought the world's wars, while the brunettes have stayed at home. And it is asserted that blondes are really less fitted for city life than the brunettes, which is, perhaps, the

reason why so many faded blondes are to be found in the big cities. Dark-skinned, dark-haired people, it is maintained, can combat best conditions unfavorable to life and so will outlast the golden-lated.

Fortunate we who live in the present age and shall not be here "a few short centuries" hence to witness the dire gloom of a blondeless world. From time immemorial the blondes have been the inspiration of the esthetes of the world.

"Golden hair, like sunlight streaming on the marble of her shoulder" has always been the theme of poets, and the Greeks held golden locks and a fair complexion to be a gift of the gods. But it is all to pass, this glory of the world, and we may see it fade.

Let us thank heaven, then, for the industry and perseverance of our woman-kind, who will decline, bravely, to submit to the decree of fate or the dictum of the scientists, and for their own pleasure and the joy of mankind, will continue to be blonde as long as they have the price.

Jewels of Du Barry, King's Favorite, Remain Hidden After Lapse of 120 Years

THE priceless jewels of Madame du Barry, Louis XV's favorite after the lapse of 120 years, still remain hidden.

Perhaps they are in the vaults of some private bank or, perhaps, they have long since been converted into cash, although this is less probable, since some of the emeralds, the rubies, and the diamonds presented to her by her royal lover and by those who wished to propitiate her were stones of world-wide celebrity which have disappeared from circulation since her death.

The story of these jewels, which were altogether of fantastic value, and so great in number that the enumeration of them is described by contemporaries as having recalled "the treasures of Golconda," is an extraordinary one. That Louis XV ruined the nation for the sake of lavishing costly gifts, especially jewels, upon this woman, of whom he is said in his old age to have remarked to the Duc de Richelieu, "She is the only woman in France who has found the secret of making me forget that I am a sexagenarian," is a matter of historic knowledge and record.

She retained many powerful friends after his death, among them the Duc de Brissac, and it was while staying with him in the early part of 1791 that she received information that burglars had broken into her chamber at Louvenciennes and had carried off a quantity of her jewels. She at once placed matters in the hands of the police, and after consulting with her jeweler, Rouen, who informed her that he would be able to identify every stone that had been stolen, she offered a reward of \$25,000.

The thieves, five in number, including an Englishman of the name of Harris, made their way to London and were arrested while endeavoring to dispose of some of the stones to a city jeweler of the name of Simon.

The men were locked up, the jewels in their possession impounded, and Mme. du Barry was notified. She hastened to London, bringing with her her jeweler, Rouen. But although he was able to identify the gems, and she was compelled by order of Lord Chief Justice Kenyon to pay the promised reward to the London jeweler, Simon, who had caused the arrest of France, yet for some strange reason or other she was unable to recover possession of her property.

Wearing of Earrings Common in All Countries

Earrings, or as they were formerly called, pendants, are worn by all peoples of the earth. For many years European men have abandoned the practice, though in some lands they wear rings in their ears. In almost all the numerous tribes of Africa and Asia both sexes use them. In the East, the earrings are the size of saucers and made of gold and valuable jewels.

In order to admit this ring an incision is made through the ear and a filament formed of cocoon leaves, tightly rolled together, is thrust into the opening. This filament is constantly enlarged till it has been stretched to two inches in diameter. The wound is then allowed to heal and the ear laden with every kind of ornament.

The ears of the average American would be looked upon with contempt by these Eastern fashionables of both sexes, for men as well as women load their ears with coins, jewels, flowers, or anything they can procure. Among some of the Indian tribes only the nobility are allowed the privilege of having an orifice three inches in diameter, the lower orders being restricted to two. In the Sandwich Islands they enlarge the hole to such an extent that the ear is dragged down to the waist, while the savage in African wilds wears nose and lip rings.

Answers to Queries From Times Readers

Mt. Vernon Bells.

G. P. K.—The song to which you refer is called "Mt. Vernon Bells." The verse by M. B. C. Slade is set to the music of "Massa in De Cold, Cold Ground," written by Stephen Collins Foster.

The song is one of a collection entitled "Patriotic Songs for Home and School," compiled by John Carroll Randolph, and published in 1909 by Oliver Ditson & Sons, Boston, Mass.

Twenty-Seventh President.

Miss Lucy G.—William H. Taft is the twenty-seventh President of the United States.

The Suez Canal.

Traveler.—The Suez canal connects the Mediterranean with the Red Sea, shortening the route to India from England and America more than 5,000 miles. It was completed in 1869, and required ten years to build it.

To Clean Silk.

Mrs. Clara Neal.—To clean black silk brush and wipe it thoroughly, place on a table with right side up, and sponge with hot coffee strained through muslin. When partly dry, iron on the wrong side. Place on a heavy pad and cover the silk with heavy paper while ironing.

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